

## What's happening in Levels 1 and 2?

*The Term 4 newsletter already! How quickly the year has gone! The children have already settled back to work eagerly and have enjoyed catching up with their friends and settling into familiar routines.*

*This promises to be a very busy term. As well as our classroom activities we have a wonderful excursion to Melbourne Museum and Imax, whole-school events such as Oktoberfest and Carols Night. There are so many things to look forward to!*



Our theme this term is

**Mini-beasts** and Level 1 and 2 classes will be finding out about what makes them unique. Two of the highlights for this unit will be an incursion where children will be able to look at and touch mini beasts, and excursion to the Melbourne Museum and Imax. This will be a whole-day outing leaving at 9am and returning by 3pm and is intended to be both educational and enjoyable.



As part of our mini-beast topic children have been asked to prepare a presentation about their favourite mini beast. This will be a portfolio task for this term. This will be presented in weeks three and four.

*This year we have been encouraging independence and responsibility in the children. For this reason we will be asking once again for all children to bring their own small backpack on the excursion. This will hold a snack and lunch, a drink (preferably water so that it can be re-filled) sunscreen if necessary and a raincoat, depending on the weather. They will also need to take their hat.*

October

is a very busy time in the classrooms with **assessment** being carried out throughout the month, often on an individual basis. Please keep this in mind when planning holidays or family outings and let your child's teacher know if he/she will be absent.

### ***Tips to encourage independence in your children:***

- ❖ Remember to drop children off outside and let them be responsible for bringing their own bags into school when the bell rings.

- ❖ Encourage resilience by remaining positive when discussing school issues and suggesting strategies that will help them to approach difficult social issues with confidence.

### **REMINDERS:**

#### **Take home books**

Some of the children are forgetting to bring their take-home books to school every day. Please sign the Reading Record book when your child has read to you and remind your child to put them back in their schoolbags when they have read them.



### Reading for meaning

The children are being encouraged at school to re-read to improve their reading fluency and to discuss what they've read to check comprehension. This needs to be continued when they are reading at home in order to maintain the improvement they're all showing.

### Spelling

Spelling and homework practice are sometimes neglected during this busy term. Children need to be working on at least some of their words each day in a variety of ways – not just writing them out, but using magnetic letters, magna-doodles or play-dough, or finding letters and words in newspapers and magazines, using the home computer, etc.

*It's very important that these routines are kept up during this final term in order to consolidate this year's learning before progressing to the next grade.*



### ***No Hats No Play!***

Remember that our Sun Smart policy was re-activated on the first day of spring. It is compulsory for all of the children to wear hats in the playground. Please check that all hats are clearly labelled and that children remember to wear them to and from school each day.

You may choose to send sunscreen to school with your child. If so, they must be able to apply it by themselves. Applying a strong sunscreen before leaving home is a good idea when we have very sunny days.

We encourage the children to drink lots of water in the hotter weather. For this reason, they need to have a labelled drink bottle to bring into the classroom for easy access.

This is probably a good time to check labels on windcheaters and bomber jackets too. As the weather warms up, these are more likely to be left somewhere and they can quickly be returned to the owner if they are labelled clearly.

### **THANK YOU**

*Again, a big thank you to the band of classroom helpers who help us with Literacy and in particular to our Class Parent Reps. We really appreciate your help.*

We're looking forward to a productive and very busy Term 4.

### Dates to remember!!

Oktoberfest- Friday 18th October  
Science Incursion Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Rangeview 25 years Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>  
Colour Run Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>  
SEDA Cricket Incursion Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Melbourne Museum and Imax:  
Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> Level 1 and  
Friday November 29<sup>th</sup> Level 2

Carols Night -  
Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>



*Enjoy Term 4 from the Level 1 and 2 Team.*